

## BRITISH HOLD FIRMLY GROUND GAINED IN HOT ANCRE FIGHTING

German Counter Attacks Launched in Great Waves of Infantry Breakdown Before the Fierce Barrage Fire of Allied Gunners

### DETAILS OF BATTLE SHOW ENTENTE GAINS ARE LARGE

French Beaten Back in Effort To Retake Positions Gained by Teutons Last Week, and Russians Keep on Fighting in East

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, February 19.—Steadily rolling back the German forces on the River Ancre, the British are now within two and three quarters miles of Bapaume, and less than thirteen miles by direct road from the back door of Arras, one of the keys of the western front, and of the bloodiest of all the salients on that bloody front. The successful attacks of Saturday gained ground in the neighborhood of Miraumont, giving the British the commanding ground that they have been striving for for weeks, and making the position of the Teutons between that village and that of Bapaume almost untenable under the fire of the Allied guns.

### COUNTER ATTACKS FAIL

That the German commanders on this front realize the danger of allowing the British to hold the ground thus gained was evidenced yesterday by the fierce efforts they made to regain the lost positions. Time after time they launched attacks, which melted to nothingness under the barrage fire of the British guns, or dashed themselves to pieces against the now thoroughly consolidated Allied trenches.

The reports of the full details of Saturday's fighting are now beginning to come from London and Paris as well as from the British front, and show that the success at first reported was less than that which the Tommies under Sir Douglas Haig and Sir Hubert Gough, effected in their last attack on the German strongholds along the northern edge of the Ancre valley. These strongholds, which Sir Douglas Haig describes in his official report as "being as strong as two years of hard work and skill could make them." More than seven hundred and fifty prisoners were taken by the British, together with quantities of trench mortars, machine guns and other supplies and equipment.

### ARTILLERY ACTIVE

On the rest of the Somme line yesterday there was but desultory fighting, confined mostly to artillery exchanges, with some trench raiding by both armies. On other fronts in the western theater, particularly in Belgium, the artillery was active, but the infantry kept close to the trenches.

According to despatches from Berlin the French shelled the position taken from them in the Champagne district last week ineffectively, but were unable to launch the intended infantry attacks because of the tremendous artillery fire which the German artillery maintained.

There was but little fighting in the eastern front save at the lines of the Oltuz and Dvinsk rivers, where the Russians continued their recent attacks.

### CHICAGO POLICE QUELL RIOT OF GREEK SOLDIERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) CHICAGO, February 19.—The police reserves were called out last night to quell a riot that broke out when more than one hundred former Greek soldiers attempted to break up a meeting that was being held by a number of followers of Venizelos. The gathering was in an uproar when the reserves arrived and arrested a number of the chief disturbers.

## RUSS PREPARING FOR AFTER-WAR CONTEST FOR MERCHANT MARINE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, February 19.—Evidence of world-wide preparation in both neutral and belligerent nations for a commercial war for the control of the world's shipping business continues to accumulate. Russia is the latest nation to be added to the list of those rushing work to get its share of the maritime commerce that is expected to follow at the end of European hostilities.

The Russian minister of commerce has introduced a bill in the duma providing that the government set aside a hundred million rubles to be devoted to the rebuilding of a Russian merchant marine. The Russian minister of commerce has introduced a bill in the duma providing that the government set aside a hundred million rubles to be devoted to the rebuilding of a Russian merchant marine.

Similar activity on the part of Germany, Great Britain, Norway and other sea-faring nations is reported in the despatches.

Sir Walter Runciman, one of the most influential shipping authorities of Great Britain, president of the British board of trade and head of the well known Moor line, in an interview recently warned British authorities that their present policy would undermine their own shipping industry, the industry, in his opinion, that supports all other British industries. He pointed out that after-war conditions will be crucial for British shipping interests adding that shipowners in neutral countries have made enormous profits during the war and accumulated vast sums with which to replace and increase their tonnage.

## President Holding Great Northern and Firm To Policy Her Passengers Welcomed In Hilo

Washington Officialdom However Expects That He Will Appeal To Congress For Authority To Take Further Steps At Some Time Before March 1

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, February 19.—The administration is holding firmly to its policy of waiting for an "overt act" before adopting any further measures against Germany and the German "ruthlessness" campaign at sea. It was stated last night that the general opinion is that President Wilson will go to the two houses, in joint session, and ask for further authority to act before March 1.

Just when he will take this move, it was stated last night, has not been definitely decided upon as yet, and the further statement was authorized that the President has not as yet made any definite plans regarding the submarine situation, but prefers to await further developments. Meantime the submarine campaign continues to fall off in "frightfulness," and yesterday the total of ships sunk consisted of three. They were the British steamers Valdes, Rosalende and Worcester. The Valdes was sunk without warning and nine members of her crew were missing at last reports, and are believed to have been killed by the explosion or drowned later, when the vessel sank.

### TRANS-SIBERIAN DEPOTS ARE REPORTED BURNING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, February 19.—(German official wireless, via Sayville, Long Island)—Coal depots of the Trans-Siberian railroad at Petrograd, are reported to be burning for a week. The probable loss is thirty million rubles.

### SAY DOCTOR RITTER ACTED ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

GENEVA, Switzerland, February 19.—Advices from Bern are to the effect that Doctor Ritter, the Swiss minister at Washington, acted on his own initiative concerning resumption of relations between the United States and Germany.

### Berlin Claims Total For One Diver Huge

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, February 19.—(German official wireless, via Sayville, L. I.)—One German submarine operating in the war zone is reported to have been particularly successful in its warfare. It sank Allied shipping amounting to 51,800 tons in one period of twenty-four hours. One of the vessels destroyed was a British auxiliary cruiser, twenty thousand tons, two transports of 15,000 tons each and one transport of 4000 tons.

German shipyards since the war began have built tonnage totaling three-quarters of a million.

Official despatches to the United States government add that not only are all German shipping companies preparing for a resumption of business after the war, but that the German ship system is being improved and structural improvements are being made in the harbors of Bremen, Stettin and Hamburg.

The largest tonnage in the history of American shipbuilding is now under construction or under contract to be built in American shipyards, according to builders' returns to the bureau of navigation. The number of steel merchant vessels ordered or under construction on January 1 was 403, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 1,490,801. Of this total 357 vessels of 1,250,722 gross tons are to be launched before the end of the year, which will be more than double the output during any preceding year. With the wooden ships built here, it is confidently expected that the entire output of tonnage during 1917 will approximate 1,500,000 gross tons, which compares favorably with the average annual output of British shipyards.

During December American yards completed nine steel merchant vessels of 34,363 gross tons, the principal launches being on the Pacific Coast, and including three ships of more than 16,000 tons for Norwegian owners. The largest vessel launched was the H. C. Folger, a bulk oil steamer of 7185 tons, built by the Union Iron Works for the Atlantic Refining Company. New contracts for 29 vessels of 105,120 gross tons were received during the month. Six of these ships are stated to be ordered for foreign owners.

## Local Masons Send Delegation To Meet and Greet Visiting Knights Templars From the Coast; C. R. Forbes Returning On Steamer

(Special to The Advertiser by Mutual Wireless)

HILO, February 18.—The arrival of the Hilo liner this morning from San Pedro was more of an event than hitherto, the presence on board of the large delegation of Knights Templars, with their ladies and families, increasing the warmth of the welcome which is at all times ready for the boat.

"Sunny Jim" McCandless, Lester Petrie and other notable of Hawaiian masonry, making up a distinguished delegation of welcome, were at hand to greet the visiting knights. There were eighty-two in all in the party from the California commandery, and their entry into Hawaii was accomplished royally. Eminent Commander L. B. McMurtry heads the Californian delegation. Guided by the kamaaina knights, the party took in the Volcano, which, in common with all things Hawaiian, has done the Carnival spirit, and made the rounds, also, of the other Hilo and Puna district sights.

Among the returning kamaainas on board the Great Northern who will return to Honolulu on her tomorrow morning is Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of the department of public works, chairman of the board of harbor commissioners and of four loan fund commissions, and chairman of the public utility commission. He has recovered from his recent sickness and is glad to be back in Hawaii, especially now that the legislature is about to convene.

Mrs. Elijah McKenzie, head and founder of the Beretania Mission, is also on the Great Northern, returning to Honolulu after a long vacation on the mainland.

There is a new officer on the vessel on this voyage, Doctor Harrington having succeeded the former ship's surgeon. A splendid trip is reported by officers and passengers, and social activities were indulged in generously during the entire trip.

These came to a climax Saturday night with a great fancy dress ball in which the limitations of a ship's wardrobe were splendidly overcome. Costumes included such extremes as Oriental disguises and plain barrels secured from the ship's commissary stores, which made one fair passenger hit upon the idea of making it the occasion of introducing her bathing costume.

### RUSSIAN MINISTER OF MARINE IS ASSAULTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, February 19.—(German official wireless, via Sayville, Long Island)—Admiral Grigolovich, Russian minister of marine, was attacked in the streets of Petrograd yesterday, by two men armed with revolvers. He escaped unhurt.

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## SOLONSAKE IN AND GRAVE HINTS DROP IN CLUSTERS

Plenty of Investigating Is To Be Done To Hear the Members Tell of Plans On Hand

### WHARVES, FILIPINOS AND GOVERNOR INCLUDED

Suburban Members Shy Away From Reapportionment and City Charter

There's a "hen on," legislatively speaking, if one may judge from more or less guarded hints let fall by members who arrived from the other islands yesterday and immediately proceeded to get into hole-in-the-wall conferences with other legislators who were already on the ground.

Just what's coming off none is willing to say on the authority of his own name, but there is a fairly lively understanding that when it does come off, Governor L. E. Pinkham, Superintendent of Public Works Charles K. Forbes and the national guard higher officers will find a job cut out for them and there will be some tall and lofty explaining.

### Many Growls, Few Bites

Of course it is a general rule that many things are threatened just prior to the convening of the legislature which never come off. Which does not mean that they never amount to anything. Some of them are intended merely as the basis for trading. And sometimes unruly senators and representatives are taken gently but firmly in hand by the men who really run things and are told just about where they get off.

However, as matters stand now, there is much talk of investigations—an investigation, for instance, of the national guard, with special reference to the gubernatorial funding of public expense, of a lot of Filipino businessmen. Members of the legislature from the other islands profess to view with great alarm the prospect of Filipinos acquiring American citizenship.

For this reason there has developed a strong prejudice even against letting the Filipinos dig trenches and bear arms, and the fact that the Governor has unveiled upon the island a great number of his proteges affords the possibility for what some legislators are looking for an investigation of the guard.

### Public Works Probe

Likewise, the rumormongers stirred up by the discovery of the condition of affairs in connection with the construction of Piers 8, 9 and 10 on the Honolulu waterfront, and the plans and supervision of Charles R. Forbes, supplies a motive for the ax that some of the solons are threatening to drop upon the devoted neck of the superintendent of public works. H. L. Holstein, who is one of those who arrived yesterday and who is slated to be speaker of the house, said that he expected the legislature to authorize an investigation of the matter of the piers.

The proposed charter for Honolulu, it now appears, is to be used by the outside legislators as a club to be held over the heads of the Oahu contingents. If the latter are not good to their visiting brethren, the Kaula, Maui and Hawaii members will, it is strongly hinted, refuse to let the charter bill go through.

### Threat Loses Weight

But it looks very much as if that might prove an entirely ineffective weapon—for the simple reason that the Oahu contingent doesn't appear to give a continental whether Honolulu gets a new charter or not. Anyway they are not evincing any great interest in the matter.

The question of reapportionment does not seem to be troubling the legislators. Even the fact that there are hints of a possible injunction to prevent the convening of the legislature, on the ground that it is not constituted according to law, doesn't seem to make a dent in their consciousness. If, however, the auditor should, as he well might, refuse to O. K. their salary vouchers, they might waken up. Probably nothing less serious would disturb their complacency.

## Concert Auditorium Planned For Punahou—Gift of B. F. Dillingham

The question which Honoluluans have been asking each other with growing anxiety ever since it became certain that the old Hawaiian Opera House would be torn down to make way for the federal building, was possibly answered yesterday when it became known that B. F. Dillingham has donated \$75,000 to Oahu College for an assembly hall or a place where concerts and entertainments of that nature may be given.

While no definite plans for the building have been announced—it is said that no definite plans have been made yet—it was learned yesterday that a number of women in the city, anxious to have secured to Honolulu a suitable place for concerts, are working with the end in view of having the donation made by Mr. Dillingham mean something more than a school building, rather a place which will in some measure serve the purposes of the old Opera House.

It was stated at the Oahu College yesterday that the trustees of the institution do not expect to make a de-

## SAMOAN CHIEFS WIRE TO DANIELS

Messages To Secretary of Navy Passed Through Honolulu Last Friday

Wireless messages from the native chiefs of the Samoan Islands to Joseph Daniels, United States secretary of the navy, passed through Honolulu last Friday. The occasion was the formal taking over by the federal government of the big wireless station at Tutuila.

The station was opened to commercial messages some time ago, placing Tutuila in wireless connection with Honolulu, but it was not taken over by the government immediately. Now, however, all construction work has been completed, and the government has formally assumed control.

Governor Poyer of Samoa, advised Secretary Daniels by wireless of the taking over of the plant, and the native chiefs sent to Secretary Daniels their thanks for his having put them into communication with the outside world. Messages between the United States mainland and Samoa will all pass through Honolulu and be relayed on.

## House Committees Chairmen Named For The Session

Chairmen of House Committees Finance—Clarence H. Cooke, Oahu. Public Lands and Internal Improvements—William K. Lyman, East Hawaii.

Printing, Revision and Enrollment—Ed. Wataholo, Maui. Health, Police and Military—Henry L. Kawahewehi, West Hawaii.

Agriculture, Forestry, Promotion and Immigration—T. H. Petrie, Oahu.

Education—C. R. Marques, Oahu. Journal—The Speaker (probably H. L. Holstein).

Judiciary—Lorrin Andrews, Oahu. Accounts and Public Expenditures—A. F. Tavares, Maui.

Miscellaneous—J. K. Lota, Kaula. Municipal, County and Civil Service—J. K. Kula, Kaula.

It is conceded that H. L. Holstein will be speaker of the house of representatives during the session of the legislature that begins next Wednesday. That is, it is conceded by most people in touch with political affairs, though, as before stated in The Advertiser, there is on foot the biennial attempt to supplant him with somebody else. However, the betting is all that "Link" will, as usual, rule over the destinies of the lower house.

The question of who are to be the chairmen of committees in the house of representatives is one that has been agitating some of the members for some time. To meet their doubts at rest, The Advertiser is able to publish the list above, with the assurance that if, as is more than probable, the Kohala man rules the roost, as he has ruled it for several sessions, the list will be found to be correct.

Representative Holstein is expected to arrive in Honolulu this morning on the Mauna Kea, and will take a leading part in the caucus of Republican representatives that is to be held at Republican headquarters at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

### CARPENTER FALLS AND FRACTURES HIS SKULL

While working on a frame building on the Waikiki side of Nuuanu Street between Beretania and Kukui Streets, yesterday afternoon, Chung Kong lost his footing and fell headlong to the sidewalk, striking with his head. The injured man was removed to the emergency hospital and thence to Queen's Hospital, where he was found to be suffering from a broken shoulder, concussion of the brain and a badly lacerated skull.

### ITALIAN SHIP SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

BERLIN, February 19.—(German official wireless, via Sayville, Long Island)—The Italian steamer Binango was sunk by a submarine January 12. Her crew was transferred to a Dutch steamer, which carried the men to port.

## Schooner Stolen For Mysterious Voyage

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) GOLFESTON, Texas, February 19.—The schooner Galatesa, fifty tons burden, has been stolen from its owners at Pensacola and has secreted left north for the Gulf on a mysterious mission. Unfounded reports state that she is carrying munitions and supplies for the Cuban rebels, while others assert that she is bearing munitions and supplies for German submarines operating in the Gulf of Mexico.

The plan has not developed far enough yet, it is said, to present to the trustees of the institution.

## BOURBON REVENUE BILL HAS A RIVAL

Senator Weeks Introduces Measure Providing For Issuance of Government Bonds

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) WASHINGTON, February 19.—The Democratic Revenue Bill, as introduced by Representative Claude Kittling Janu-ary 27 is to have a rival, if Senator Weeks of California has his way. He has introduced a measure as a substitute for the other bill, which is recognized as the administration measure, which provides for the issuance by the government of \$720,000,000 worth of bonds bearing three and one-half per cent interest.

There is reason to believe that the Democratic majority in congress intends to abandon every measure on its legislative program except the indispensable revenue and appropriation bills, in order to finish its work by March 4 and avoid the necessity of an extra session. The senate steering committee has been attempting to patch up a plan of compromise for the remaining weeks of the session, but it seems certain that, whatever they agree upon, little legislation will be forced through except the routine measures that are absolutely necessary to keep the government running through the year.

## GERMAN MINISTER LEAVING PEKING

Diplomatic Relations Between China and Berlin Not Severed

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, February 19.—The German minister at Peking, Count Von Hintze, and his staff is preparing to leave China, which has formally protested against Germany on the submarine policy, according to despatches from the Chinese capital, received yesterday. General Heong, vice-president of the Chinese republic, announced yesterday that the diplomatic relations between China and Germany are not severed yet, but that the republic is awaiting a definite reply from Germany. If Germany fails to give a prompt answer, relations will be broken at once, he declared.

## BRAZILIAN MINISTER SENDS BERLIN WARNING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PARIS, February 19.—Wireless despatches to this city from Bern, Switzerland, announced last night that the Brazilian minister at Berlin has formally warned the authorities in the German capital that they will be held responsible for any damage that may be done by German submarines to Brazilian steamers now en route toward the war zones. The message, it is reported, is couched in firm albeit polite language, and leaves no loophole for doubt as to the intent of the Brazilian government in case any of the vessels are attacked by a German diver.

## TEUTONIC LOSS MORE THAN FOUR MILLIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, February 19.—Estimates of the losses suffered by Germany since the outbreak of the war were made public last night by British authorities. According to the figures which are based largely upon German returns and upon estimates made by Allied officials on the field, as well as upon known numbers of German prisoners taken by the Entente troops, the Kaiser has lost a total of 4,987,000 men. Of this number 988,320 are dead, and the remainder wounded, missing or prisoners.

## GREEKS STILL SUFFERING UNDER ALLIED BLOCKADE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, February 19.—The Greek legation in a formal statement to the Washington government has reported that despite the fact that Greece has agreed to all of the demands of the Entente Allies the blockade is still in force and that the poorer people are suffering frightfully in consequence. "They are compelled to live upon grasses and herbs," says the statement. There has been no relaxation of the blockade in spite of the compliance of Greece with all the demands made by the Allies, it adds.

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## COWBOYS PLAN OWN VENGEANCE FOR MURDERED ROUGH RIDERS

Cattlemen of Southwest Reported To Be Gathering in Hachita District Intent Upon Punishing Mexican Murderers of "Pals"

### CARRANZA OFFICIALS DOUBT REPORT OF VILLA SAILING

Believe That Bandit Chieftain Is In Mountains Either Gathering Fresh Forces Or Recovering From Wounds In Recent Fights

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

EL PASO, February 19.—Unless the government interferes the cowboys of the Southwest will take into their own hands the avenging of the murder of three of their number by Mexican bandits last week.

Such at least is the gist of the report that has reached this city from the Hachita district, where the murders took place. According to these statements cowboys, under the leadership of one Spilsbury, are now organizing a band of five hundred riders, who will follow the murders across the border as a punitive force, and if possible bring them to justice, either in this country or in Mexico.

### ORGANIZING COWBOYS

Efforts were made by Spilsbury to organize a band immediately after the killing of the three cowboys was announced, but he found it impossible to gather more than fifty men, whereas it was known that the bandits numbered at least five hundred.

According to last night's rumor offers have now reached him from all along the border and men of known reputation as cowboys and rifle shots are coming forward with offers of their services, and that cattlemen from all parts of the Southwest are mustering for the chase.

### DOUBT VILLA REPORT

The report that Villa has left Mexico and is on his way to Japan is discredited by the officials of the Carranza garrison in Juarez, across the river from this city. They assert that it is their belief that the outlaw chieftain is now in the mountains either gathering fresh forces or resting and recovering from wounds, which he is reported to have received in some of the recent fighting.

It is believed by the de facto officials that Salazar is acting independently of Villa for the time being, although ready to respond to the call of the greater bandit.

Mr. Fletcher, the new American minister to Mexico, reached the capital of that republic late yesterday evening. He was greeted by Carranza officials from the de facto foreign office, and a big delegation of representative men, headed by a military escort.

## CARRANZA AGENT IS HELD BY UNCLE SAM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NOGALES, February 19.—That Carranza is preparing to extend his "sphere of influence" to Lower California, is the belief of United States agents who yesterday arrested and are now investigating one Enrique Goldbaum, who claims to be a major in the de facto government's employ and to be on his way to Lower California to act as Carranza's agent in that district.

### REAL HOMES FOR ZOO PETS ARE ASSURED

Supervisor Daniel Logan reports that after a canvass he has raised \$1500 for animal and bird cages at the Kapiolani Park zoo. The cages will be of a permanent nature and will be built by contract from designs made by Inspector Henry Freitas. Logan says the money for the work was cheerfully subscribed by citizens, something the money he heard many criticisms and suggestions which he says he will take up with the parks committee.